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## COMMODORE BOARD

**W**e've been hearing about Commodore's Lowell graphics board for some time now, and now they've officially announced it. The A2410 is a high resolution 1024 x 1024 pixel display card for the A3000UX Unix machine. It provides 8 bitplanes and can display 256 colors at once from a palette of over 16 million. The card was developed in cooperation with the University of Lowell and uses Texas Instruments' 34010 graphics coprocessor. It has one meg of video memory onboard and is specifically designed for use with X Windows and Open Look Unix systems. Price was unavailable at presstime. 1200 Wilson Drive, West Chester, PA 19380. 215-431-9100.

## WAVING A BANNER

**T**he press release from *Banner Band* asks the question, "Why didn't somebody think of this before?" They're talking about a line of tractor-feed computer paper that is made without horizontal perforations. However, we hadn't thought of anything to use it for besides "Happy Birthday, Dweebo" banners. Then the company sent us a sample printout of a dog pedigree and it opened up all sorts of new possibilities. Genealogists will certainly want to get a supply for those long, involved family trees. The rolls come in standard and wide-carriage widths, in 45- and 150-foot lengths. Prices range from \$11.95 to \$19.95. 535 N. Wolf Road, Wheeling, IL 60090. 708-520-4699.

## LABEL SANITY

**D**oes the back of your computer desk look like a big electronic rodent's nest? (Come to think of it, is this where computer mice rear their young?) *AMT Communications* has put together **Label Logic** (\$6.95), which is a collection of stick-on labels for the cables and components of your system. The labels are made of vinyl and

while they're obviously IBM-oriented, there are many generally useful ones. There's also a velcro-attachable reference card that can be used to record vital information about your system: serial numbers, hard drive information, network addresses, and the like. The labels are sized to fit the cable plugs. A

call to the company revealed the sad news that the company had no current plans to do a similar product for audio-video systems, but would certainly consider it if there were enough requests. (HINT! HINT!) *AMT* can be contacted at 2741 Plaza Del Amo, Suite 201, Torrance, CA 90503. 213-320-7757.

## .infoMANIA GAME TIPS

*Here are some secret "side doors," "back doors," and strategies to your favorite Amiga games, for .info subscribers only!*

**Awesome:** Press your joystick fire-button and hold down the + key on the keypad to enable a cheat mode. You can then disable enemies by hitting F1. More energy can be obtained with F6, and you can choose different weapons with the number keys 1-10.

**Chaos Strikes Back:** To make your party invincible, first find a dragon and cast the spell MON ZO GOR SAR. Then hit ESC to pause the game and while holding down the ALT key, type LORD LIBRASULUS SMITHES THEE DOWN. Then un-pause the game and kill the dragon. He will leave behind a firestaff and your party will be invincible.

**Killing Game Show:** You can call up a map of each section of the game by hitting the HELP key instead of the firebutton at the beginning of the game.

**Lemmings:** Type FQUIGGLY on the title screen and the little critters won't commit suicide.

**Nitro:** To get plenty of money and fuel, enter your name as MAJ when you start the game.

**Spherical:** Type BLADERUNNER on the title screen and you can skip levels by using the cursor keys.

**Stormlord:** Cheat #1: Hold down the left mousebutton and the firebutton at the same time and keep holding them while the game loads. After the game starts, pause it and type MNBVC to get infinite time and lives. Pause game and press L to skip to the next level. Cheat #2: When the credits screen appears, type DRAGONBRIDGE and a message indicating that the cheat mode is active will appear. Start the game, then hit the spacebar, and then L to get to the next level. Cheat #3: Enter 'JAMES CAMERON' on the high score screen. You can then get additional lives by hitting F9.

**Turrican:** Play long enough to get a score of at least 20,000 points and quit game. Enter BLUESMOBIL on the brag board, hit return, and you'll have 99 lives.

**Unreal:** On the animation screen with the 3D balls, type "ORDILOGICUS" and hit return. The screen will flash and you'll have unlimited energy. You can also skip levels by hitting Return.

**Untouchables:** When the title screen appears during loading, type SOUTHAMPTON GAZETTE. The screen will flash and you can hit F10 to go to the next level.

*Share your "secret tricks" with .info readers or write and let us know which games you'd like to see hints for! Send to:  
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## ACTIVA SOURCE

**W**e told you about Activa Software's *Real3D* raytracing package a while back, but up to now it's only been available in Europe. We've learned that Activa has named Programs Plus & Video as their sole North American representative. Version 1.4 of *Real3D* should be available by the time you read this. Contact Programs Plus at 544 Queen Street, Chatham, ON Canada N7M 2J6. 519-436-0988 voice, fax 519-351-1334.

## LOW COST COLOR

**T**he price for color PostScript printers is beginning to drop dramatically. General Parametrics has a color thermal wax printer that lists for \$6995, making it the least expensive one we've seen to date that will work directly with Amiga output. The *Spectra\*Star 430* comes with six megs of RAM (There are even less expensive models available, but they use software PostScript inter-

preters that currently run only on Mac and IBM: the model 410 is \$4995 and the 420 lists for \$5995.) General Parametrics has engineered their entire line of printers to be upgradeable to the next higher model, so you could start with a less expensive printer and add to it as you can afford to. Later this year, the company will be releasing models 440, which adds a 30MB hard drive, and 450, which has 35mm PostScript color slide capability.

## EA ACQUISITION

**E**lectronic Arts has announced an agreement to acquire

Distinctive Software, the company responsible for such entertainment titles as *Test Drive I & II*, *Hardball I & II*, and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, among many others. DSI has 77 employees and its offices will remain in Vancouver, BC. EA will be paying nearly \$800,000 for DSI's outstanding stock and will be issuing 488,157 new shares. To give you some idea of how big an expansion this is for EA, DSI currently has five producers, along with 42 programmers, 15 artists and musicians, and three game designers working on 22 projects. Electronic Arts has 45 people involved in about ten projects. In other words, EA is more than doubling in size.

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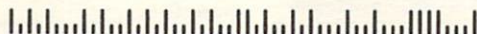
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